

## Claims

- [c1] A method for associating metadata with a document having a metadata storage device comprising:
  - initializing a pointing instrument;
  - recognizing a metadata mode;
  - sending metadata data to a processor;
  - receiving metadata from the processor; and
  - storing the metadata in the metadata storage device.
- [c2] The method of claim 1 further comprising:
  - receiving a process metadata command,
  - wherein the pointing instrument is a digital pen.
- [c3] The method of claim 2 wherein the metadata data is pen stroke data captured from a predefined area of the document.
- [c4] The method of claim 2 wherein the metadata storage device is an rf-id tag.
- [c5] The method of claim 2 wherein the metadata data is pen stroke data captured from all pen strokes made on the document.
- [c6] The method of claim 2 wherein the metadata data is pen stroke data captured from a first subset of all pen strokes made on the document.
- [c7] The method of claim 2 wherein the metadata includes biometric data.
- [c8] The method of claim 2 further comprising:
  - storing an e-copy of the document strokes to the metadata storage device.